REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration of the present application. Claims 1, 2, 10, 11, 19 and 20 have been amended. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments do not introduce new matter as the claim limitations are supported by the specification as filed. See paragraph [0022] and paragraph [0023]. No claims have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1-6, 10-15, 19-24, 29 and 31 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

Claim 5 has been amended to recite "wherein authenticating by the application program the system registry after reading the system registry" as interpreted by the Examiner. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-6, 10-15, 19-24 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,263,348 issued to Kathrow et al. ("*Kathrow*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,263,348 issued to Pereira ("*Pereira*"). To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, there must first be some suggestion or motivation to modify a reference or to combine references and second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success. The teaching or suggestion to make the claimed combination and the reasonable expectation of success must both be found in the prior art and not based on applicant's disclosure. Third, the prior art reference or references when combined must teach or suggest all the claim limitations. *See* M.P.E.P § 706.02(j) from *In Re Vaeck*, 947 F.2d 488, 20 USPQ2d 1438 (Fed.Cir.1991).

Among other limitations, claim 1, as amended, recites "generating by application program running in the computer a user identity value associated with a user identity that is authorized to change a system registry of the computer, the user identity value is generated by a one way function." (Emphasis added). Claims 10 and 19 have been amended to include the limitation "the

user identity value is generated by a one-way function." The combination of *Kathrow* and *Pereira* does not teach or suggest these limitations of the independent claims 1, 10, and 19.

The Examiner recognizes that *Kathrow* does not disclose a user identity value associated with a user identity authorized to change a system registry of the computer is generated by an application program running in the computer" and relies on *Pereira* for the teaching and suggesting of this limitation. Applicants respectfully submit that *Pereira* fails to cure the deficiency of *Kathrow*.

Pereira discloses a system and method for controlling access to computer resources wherein a user enters the corresponding password to define access resources in the registry, (Abstract; col. 10, lines 20-26). However, *Pereira* does not disclose that the definition of access resources is generated by a one-way function. Therefore, *Pereira* does not teach or suggest "a user identity value is generated by a one-way function" as amended in claims 1, 10 and 19. Because *Pereira* fails to disclose this limitation, the combination of *Kathrow* of *Pereira* does not teach or suggest the limitations of claims 1, 10 and 19.

Dependent claims 2-6, 11-15, 20-24 and 29 depend from claims 1, 10 and 19, and therefore incorporate the limitations of these claims. For at least the reasons stated above, the combination of *Kathrow* and *Pereira* does not disclose the limitations of these claims.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections to claims 1-6, 10-15, 19-24 and 29 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the forgoing, it is believed that all claims now pending are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If there are any additional frees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Questions regarding this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

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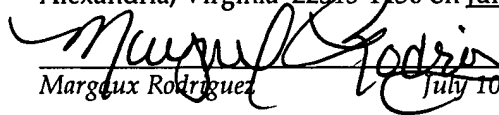
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